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SUBJECT: BAGHDAD PRESS CHARGES THAT ASAD MEETS REGULARLY WITH CIA

BAGHDAD PRESS OF MAY 13 FRONTPAGES ALLEGATION THAT SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASAD HAS WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR MURPHY ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE CIA. HEADLINES IN BOTH MAJOR ARABIC DAILIES AND IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER FOCUS ON ALLEGED CIA LINK TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: WEEKLY MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE IN DAMASCUS BETWEEN THE US AMBASSADOR ROBERT (SIC) MURPHY AND THE HEAD OF THE SYRIAN REGIME HAFEZ ASAD, ACCORDING TO WELL INFORMED SOURCES. THE US AMBASSADOR IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED TO THESE MEETINGS BY A CIA OFFICIAL, THE SAME SOURCES SAID.

A BROADCAST BY THE "VOICE OF ARAB SYRIA" RADIO STATION HAS STATED THAT THE MEETINGS IN QUESTION WERE INTENDED TO ESTABLISH FULL COORDINATION BETWEEN HAFEZ ASAD AND CIA IN CHARTING OUT SYRIA'S POLICY IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REGION.

THE MEETINGS ARE REPORTED TO BE HELD ALMOST COMPLETELY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. ONLY A VERY FEW TRUSTED AGENTS ARE ADMITTED. THEY ARE ALL DIRECTLY TIED UP TO THE CIA AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF COL. MOHAMMED AL-KHOLI, CHIEF OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE AND ONE

OF THE VERY CLOSEST ASSOCIATES OF HAFEZ ASAD. END
QUOTE.
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